

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected the present application on various bases. In response thereto, Applicant has amended the application so as to overcome the rejections of the Examiner, and so as to otherwise place the application, as a whole, in condition for allowance.

The Examiner has rejected claim 8 based on the contention that "handle member" is inappropriate. While Applicant submits that "handle member" is entirely appropriate, Applicant has amended claim 8 so as to change "handle member" to – link member –. Applicant submits that this rejection has been rendered moot.

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) based on the contention that it is anticipated by the Keesling '854 patent. The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the D'Angelo et al '983 patent. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) based on the contention that they are unpatentable over the Keesling '854 patent. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4 under '103(a) as being unpatentable over the D'Angelo '983 patent. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4 and 8-11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hirao et al '310..

Applicant has amended claim 1 so further specify the particular attachment of the clamp to the frame. In particular, Applicant has specifically claimed the first and second linkages and the particular configuration of such linkages vis-à-vis the frame member. Applicant submits that such a configuration is not shown in the prior art of record. Furthermore, Applicant submits that such a configuration is not obvious in light of the prior art of record.

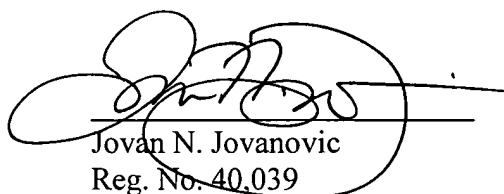
Applicant has similarly amended claim 8 so as to include limitations directed at the first and second linkages and the attachment of same to each of the clamp and the frame member. Again, Applicant submits that such a structure is not disclosed nor suggested by the prior art of

record.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the Application is in *prima facie* condition for allowance at the present time. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application and passage toward issuance thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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